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TAGS: SOPN, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: AVIATION WEEK STORY ON THE BACKFIRE

REF: SECTO 27161

GEORGE BUSH HAS ASKED ME TO PASS TO YOU THE FOLLOWING
RESPONSE TO YOUR MESSAGE TO HIM REGARDING THE "AVIATION
WEEK" STORY:

BEGIN TEXT: I DID SEE THAT SLANDEROUS AVIATION WEEK
STORY. I HAVE MADE TWO PUBLIC REFERENCES TO IT. ON
TUESDAY BEFORE THE CBS RADIO AFFILIATE EXECUTIVES I SPOKE
OUT, THEN YESTERDAY BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED
INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. YESTERDAY'S COMMENTS WERE CARRIED
ON TWO OF THE TV CHANNELS HERE.

IN ADDITION, AFTER FAILING TO GET AVIATION WEEK EDITOR
HOLTZ ON THE PHONE, I TODAY FIRED OFF A LETTER PROTESTING
THIS "SLANDEROUS" COVERAGE. THIS STORY WAS INDEED A
DIRECT ATTACK ON YOU, BUT IT WAS ALSO A DIRECT ATTACK
ON THE INTEGRITY OF THE INTELLIGENCE PROCESS AND AN
INDIRECT ATTACK ON ME. THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT MAY
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HELP AND I ALSO HOPE TO ADDRESS MYSELF TO THIS ON "ISSUES

AND ANSWERS" THIS WEEKEND. I SHARE YOUR OUTRAGE AND
WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.
END TEXT ROBINSON

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